## LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

 (Currently Amended) A method for collection of coins in automatic payment transactions, the method comprising: providing at least one pair of rollers, each of the rollers being substantially cylindrical for separation of the coins regardless of their value, the rollers being spaced so that a space between the rollers is larger than a thickness of a thickest of the coins but smaller than twice a thickness of a smallest of the coins:

rotating the rollers in a same direction at different speeds <u>about substantially</u> parallel axes of rotation:

conveying the coins to the at least one pair of rollers;

separating the coins by said at least one pair of rollers; and

conveying the separated coins away from said pair of rollers so they can be further processed.

- (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the rollers are rotated at the same rotational speed.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the pair of rollers is rotated in response to presence of the coins at the rollers.
- (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the coins are collected in a container.

- (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the coins are conveyed in series from the pair of rollers to a processing device.
- 7. (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the coins skip the pair
  of rollers through a bypass connected to a coin insertion slot.
- (Previously Presented) Device for acceptance of coins in automatic payment transactions, comprising:

a pair of <u>substantially cylindrical</u> rollers configured to separate the coins regardless of their value, wherein each rollers is configured to be rotated in a same direction at different speeds, the rollers being the rollers are spaced from each other so that a space between the rollers is larger than a thickness of a thickest of the coins but smaller than twice a thickness of a smallest of the coins;

a means for rotating each rollers in a same direction at different speeds about substantially parallel axes of rotation;

a means of transportation through which the coins are supplied to the pair of rollers; and

another slanted plane for conveying the coins away from said pair of rollers after having passed said pair of rollers.

- 10. (Cancelled)
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 9, wherein the means of transportation comprises a slanted plane.

- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 9, further comprising a processing device that is associable with the rollers.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 12, further comprising a bypass to circumvent the processing device.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 9, further comprising a coin slot that can be locked.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 14, wherein the coin insertion slot is funnel-shaped.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 14, wherein the coin insertion slot has an area for individual insertion of coins.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 16, wherein the individual coin insertion area can be blocked and released.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 16, wherein the individual coin insertion area is connected with a bypass to circumvent the pair of rollers.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 9, further comprising a sensor for recognizing a coin insertion.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 12, wherein the means of transportation is located between the pair of rollers and the processing device.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 9, wherein the means of transportation is a slanted plane.

- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 9, further comprising a removable and/or pivotal cover located in an area of the means of transportation.
- (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 9, wherein a sensor is located in an area of the means of transportation for detecting contaminants.
- (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the rollers include differing diameters and characteristics of surface.